

Task Force Finalizes Guiding Planning Principles Planning Firm Contract Expected on October 23

Guiding Planning Principles

The Task Force has developed a set of Guiding Planning Principles designed to provide clear and fundamental direction for the identification, development, and evaluation of land use, transportation and other infrastructure improvement options for Tysons.

Through 20 community dialogues, held throughout January and February 2006, and on-line comments, the Task Force received extensive public comments on key values and concerns for the future of Tysons Corner.

Based on these values and issues, the Task Force identified a set of Draft Guiding Planning Principles and released them for public comment in July 2006. The Task Force received comments from 23 individuals and six groups representing thousands of Fairfax County residents. At its September 25 meeting, the Task Force approved the final principles which reflected a number of changes recommended by citizens:

- Improved the introduction to reflect the history and purpose of the principles;
- Added aesthetics, publicly available open space, urban parks and entertainment as important components;
- Added the desirability of encouraging trip reduction in transportation design;
- Added shuttles to the list of desirable transportation improvements;
- Identified the need for increased amount and diversity of housing;
- Increased the focus on environment and safety.

The final Guiding Planning Principles are included as an attachment to this update and can also be viewed or downloaded from the Tysons web site.

Engaging Urban Planning Assistance

In August, the Task Force announced it had recommended hiring a firm with experience in planning for redevelopment of substantial land areas for transit-oriented uses such as in Tysons Corner. This process is now well underway with a firm expected to be identified and presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval at their October 23 meeting. Once this firm is on board, the Task Force will work with the planning firm to identify a schedule of activities that will be used to help engage the public in generating positive concepts for the future of Tysons Corner.

Continuing the Dialogue

The Task Force is committed to open communication and ongoing public input to its work and process. The County web site contains all available information and materials pertaining to the Task Force. The Task Force also maintains an email listserv for interested citizens and a telephone information line. All Task Force meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted on the web site. Interested stakeholders are invited to sign up for email or regular mail updates on the web site or at the contact points identified below.

Comments, input, and questions can be provided by phone at 703-324-1344, email at tysonscornerspecialstudy@fairfaxcounty.gov, or mail to:

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The Tysons Land Use Task Force has been charged by The Board of Supervisors with soliciting community input and making recommendations to update the 1994 Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan to reflect the planned construction of four Metro stations. The 35-member Task Force, representing residents, businesses, and community and civic organizations, is working to create a new vision for Tysons Corner. Current and complete information about the Tysons Land Use Task Force and the process of updating the Tysons Comprehensive Plan can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/>



Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request. Please call 703-324-1334, TTY 711, for more information.